

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph W. Price on August 26, 2011.

Amendment to Claims

Claim 14 are amended as follows:

Claim 14, (canceled).

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Independent claim 1, 11, 12 and 14 present limitation as a whole that are allowable over the prior art, specifically, **Independent claim 1 (a playback apparatus), claim 11 (a system integrated circuit), claim 12 (a non-transitory recording medium) and 13 (a playback method)** recites the uniquely distinct features for "a transmission unit operable to, when the playback control is available, transmit information relating to the playback control to a user control operation device for controlling the playback apparatus, wherein the operation device includes a display unit, wherein the transmission unit causes the operation device to use the transmitted information to

display information about whether the playback control is enabled or disabled is displayed on the display unit". The closest prior art of Kanazawa et al. (US 6,580,870) disclose a reproducing system with the function of reproducing the title information recorded on a DVD and displaying it on the screen of a display section, when the user clicks a Web mark on the screen, the CPU links to a Web server on the Internet via a modem and accesses the Web page related to the stream information on the screen. At that time, the related Web page is the selected information conforming to parental information, or attribute information, set in the system, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitation obvious.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL TEKLE whose telephone number is (571)270-1117. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am to 4:30pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Vaughn can be reached on 571-272-3922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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